

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

A software program rights management system for managing an assignment history of rights to use a software program stored in a software program storage medium, in which as a storage medium for supplying a software program, a write-once storage medium or a storage medium having a read-only storage portion for storing a software program and a write-once portion is used, and user's access authorization data is recorded in a portion of the write-once portion of such storage medium or in the write-once portion of such software program storage medium.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, and 8-11 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) A software program storage medium for storing a software program provided to a user, comprising:

a recordable portion, and

user's access authorization data is recorded in said recordable portion of said storage medium.

--3. (Amended) The software program storage medium according

to claim 1, wherein said user's access authorization data comprises user information for specifying said user and said user's access environment, and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.

--5. (Amended) A software program rights management system for managing rights to access a software program provided to a user, comprising:

access authorization issuing means for issuing a user's access authorization data;

storage management means for storing said user's access authorization data; and

data communication means for binding said access authorization issuing means with said storage management means.

--8. (Amended) The software program rights management system according to claim 5, wherein said user's access authorization data includes user information for specifying a user and said user's access environment; and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.

--9. (Amended) A management method for managing rights to use a software program provided to a user, comprising the steps of:

storing a software program provided to a user; and
storing said user's access authorization data into a recordable portion of a software program storage medium having the recordable portion.

--10. (Amended) The method for software program access management according to claim 9, further comprising the step of storing a user's access authorization data into a database formed with said recordable portion of said software program storage medium.

--11. (Amended) The method for software program access management according to claim 9, wherein said user access authorization data includes user information for specifying a user and said user access environment and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.

REMARKS

The original eleven claims remain in this application, with the duplicated, second series of claims 6-9 having been renumbered as claims 8-11. In addition, original claims 1, 3, and 5 have also been amended.

As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens